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SUBJ: NEW NOMINATIONS TO SUPREME COURT AND COPPER TRIBUNAL

REF: (A) SANTIAGO A-40, (B) SANTIAGO 5541

1. SUMMARY. NEW NOMINATIONS TO SUPREME COURT AND COPPER TRIBUNAL HAVE BROUGHT BOTH ORGANIZATIONS TO FULL STRENGTH. MEMBERSHIP OF COPPER TRIBUNAL COMPLETELY NEW SINCE EXCESS PROFITS DECISION HANDED DOWN. END SUMMARY

2. APPOINTMENT OF OSVALDO ERBETTA VACCARO, LONGEST SERVING JUDGE ON SANTIAGO COURT OF APPEALS, TO SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCED MARCH 15. NAME OF 66-YEAR OLD ERBETTA SELECTED FROM LIST OF FIVE JUDGES PRESENTED TO JUNTA BY SUPREME COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE DICTATED BY CONSTITUTION.

3. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS REPORT ERBETTA'S ELEVATION TO SUPREME COURT OPENED VACANCY ON INACTIVE COPPER TRIBUNAL, ON WHICH HE HAD BEEN SERVING FOR SHORT PERIOD. FORMER SANTIAGO COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE AND COPPER TRIBUNAL MEMBER, PRO-UP JULIO APARICIO, APPARENTLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM SOMETIME AFTER SEPTEMBER 11. OPERATING UNDER NEW AUTHORITY GRANTED IT IN NOVEMBER (REF B), SUPREME COURT HAS NAMED SANTIAGO COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE ENRIQUE PAILLAS TO COPPER

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TRIBUNAL. HIGH COURT HAS ALSO APPOINTED ONE OF ITS OWN MEMBERS,

LUIS MALDONADO, TO OCCUPY SEAT VACATED WHEN CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL ABOLISHED AND ITS COPPER TRIBUNAL SEAT (FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY ENRIQUE SILVA) WAS GIVEN TO SUPREME COURT.

4. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF COPPER TRIBUNAL AS FOLLOWS:

- A. JUSE MARIA EYZAGUIRRE -- SUPREME COURT
- AB. LUIS MALDONADO -- SUPREME COURT
- C. ENRIQUE PAILLAS -- SANTIAGO COURT OF APPEALS
- D. GEN EDUARDO CANO -- PRESIDENT, CENTRAL BANK
- E. SERGIO MOLINA MARIN -- DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE

5. COMMENT. APPOINTMENT OF ERBETTA'S SUPREME COURT PREDECESSOR AS AMBASSADOR TO RUMANIA (REF A), HIS OWN LONG SERVICE IN JUDICIAL SYSTEM (36 YEARS), AND TRADITIONAL MANNER OF APPOINTMENT TO HIGH COURT, SERVE AS REAFFIRMATIONS OF JUNTA-JUDICIARY MUTUAL BACK-SCRATCHING PACT. MEMBERSHIP OF COPPER TRIBUNAL IS COMPLETELY NEW SINCE THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS CONCERNING COPPER COMPENSATION WERE HANDED DOWN.

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